

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2998

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2010

RE: H.B. No. 979
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 979, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to temporarily authorize the use of the special land and development fund and the land conservation fund to support invasive species control and mitigation, reforestation, and sediment run-off mitigation.

Your Committee received comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Conservation Council for Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy, the Oahu Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land, and two concerned individuals. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that invasive species, deforestation, and sediment run-off continue to threaten Hawaii's natural environment. Your Committee acknowledges concerns about charging additional expenses to these dwindling special funds, but your Committee finds that it is crucial to continue to fund programs that will eliminate or mitigate these threats to our natural environment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 979, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

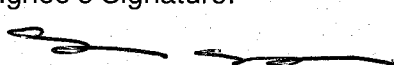
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 979 HD1 SD1</i>	<i>WTL/ENE, WAM</i>	<i>3/24/2010</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.		/		
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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